



MAINE FARMER



"Our Home, our Country, and our Brother Man."

SESSION OF THE MAINE STATE AG. SOCIETY.

We present the continuation of the doings of the State Society, commencing with Tuesday evening's (Sept. 25) proceedings.

Voted, That the resolves in regard to Railroads be published, and a copy sent to every Superintendent in Maine.

On motion of Mr. Ford, **Voted,** To choose a committee to bring forward subjects for discussion. Dr. Ford, S. F. Perley, and S. L. Goodale were chosen.

Mr. Goodale suggested the propriety of setting some definite time for a meeting of the Pomological Society, in connection with the State Society, and naming subjects of discussion.

On motion of Mr. Goodale, **Voted,** That this meeting be held to-morrow evening, and the subject for discussion be, "What are the best and most profitable fruits for cultivation in Maine?"

Dr. Ford, from the finance committee, reported that an enquiry had been made into the finances of the society, and recommended that ways and means be devised to provide a permanent fund.

On motion of Mr. Ford, **Voted,** That a committee of three be raised, who shall report the best means of raising funds for the Society. Darius Forbes, B. F. Buxton, and N. Foster, were appointed.

On motion of **Voted,** That a committee of three be appointed to present a memorial to the Legislature for such aid as is desired. D. Forbes, E. Holmes, and S. F. Perley, were appointed. Adj.

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, Sept. 25.

The President stated that he had received a communication from the U. S. Ag. Society, requesting our Society to send delegates to their Show, commencing on the 23d of October next, at Boston.

On motion of Mr. Goodale, **Voted,** To respond to the invitation.

On motion of Mr. Dike, **Voted,** That ten delegates be appointed to attend the National Fair; and

S. Butman, Plymouth; S. L. Goodale, Saco; E. G. Buxton, Yarmouth; S. P. Benson, Winthrop; E. Holmes, Winthrop; Moses Call, Newcastle; S. W. Coburn, Skowhegan; S. F. Perley, Naples; Darius Forbes, So. Paris; and D. A. Fairbanks, Augusta, were chosen.

Mr. Forbes, from the committee appointed last evening to memorialize the Legislature, reported as follows:—

Memorial.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine, in Legislature assembled.

The undersigned would respectfully represent, that they conceive the great interests of Agriculture, Horticulture, and the Mechanic arts in this State, would be greatly promoted by the fostering care of a well-organized, well-endowed and efficient State Agricultural Society, which shall hold an annual Show and Fair, and offer premiums, in amount worthy the character and interests of the State.

They would also represent, that the act under which the present State society holds its existence, has connected together so many things, that its machinery is so cumbersome, its parts so inconsistent with each other, and its endowments so meager, that it can never be made to work out the great results for which it was established and its friends desire.

We would therefore earnestly petition your honorable body to remodel the entire act so as to wholly disconnect the County and State societies, re-establish the board of agriculture, by enacting the three bills substantially, as reported by the Board of Agriculture, after the most mature and patient consideration, to the legislature of last winter.

As in duty bound will ever pray.

Mr. Forbes, also, from Committee on Finance, made the following report:—

The Committee to whom was referred the finances of this Society would beg leave to report that they would recommend, in case of any deficiency in funds to meet the expenses of the present show and fair, that the treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the corporation, sufficient funds to meet the same.

Also that a committee of one be selected to solicit subscriptions to yearly and life memberships, and circulate the petition for the better and more efficient organization of this society, who may procure such aid as he may deem necessary, to receive a thorough canvass of our entire State, and to remit all funds he may obtain to the Treasurer, as soon as he may obtain their receipt, and that he be allowed a reasonable compensation for his services.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Forbes, from the committee, reported ways and means to increase the funds,—which report was accepted.

Mr. Forbes was chosen a committee to circulate memorial and obtain funds.

ADJOURNED.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Those who feel interested in new inventions in domestic manufactures and the fine arts among us, are referred to a card of the New England Inventors' and Mechanics' Association in this number of the Farmer.

It will be seen that this society will hold an exhibition in Boston, at their buildings on Green Street, near the Revere House, to commence on the 22d of this month, and continue two weeks. Those who wish to exhibit any thing, had better address a letter to Eliza Wright, Boston, notifying him of the wish.

The entire proceeds of the exhibition, after paying expenses and reserving ten per cent., are to be divided among the exhibitors. Here is a Yankee chance for advertising yourself, and being paid for it.

IT IS HARVEST.

It is harvest! It is harvest!
Fruitful season of delight;
O'er the hills, along the valleys,
How the prospect glads the sight.
By the scythe, and plow the sickle,
Blooming maiden, stately swain—
Fruitful season, hearts grow nobler,
Reaping of the golden grain.

To the harvest! to the harvest!
Gleaner of the precious corn,
Fill your ricks and fill your barns;
Till the last load home be borne;
But be generous, O ye farmers,
There is plenty, never fear;
Leave for little Ruth the gleanings,
And the droppings let her clear.

It is harvest! it is harvest!
At the last trumpet's sound,
Who will rank among the wheat?
Who 'mid worthless tares be found?

In life's spring-time, gentle reader,
Sow the seeds of love and faith;
There's a harvest, there's a harvest,
And the reaper, it is Death.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

THE NEW ENGLAND INVENTORS' AND MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION, established to enable the inventors and actual producers of new and useful articles, or objects of art, to bring them to the notice of the public with the least expense and greatest benefit to themselves, proposes to hold a grand Industrial Exhibition in Boston, in a large building lately erected on Green Street, next to Bowdoin Square, and near the Revere House, to commence the 22d of October next, and to continue two entire weeks.

It will be ample room for the display of all sorts of machinery driven by steam power, and of every product of mechanical skill or ornamental art, without damage to goods or spectators from overcrowding. The management of the affair is entirely in the hands of practical mechanics, and the arrangements of the Exhibition Rooms will be superintended by Col. Wm. Beals of this city, who has probably had more experience in matters of this sort than any other man in New England; and whose good taste, energy and skill are universally admitted and admired.

The entire proceeds of the exhibition, after paying the unavoidable expenses, and reserving ten per cent. to form a fund for the ulterior purposes of the association, will be divided among the exhibitors according to the merit and attractiveness of their contributions, by a committee chosen by themselves. These terms, it is believed are more favorable to exhibitors than any hitherto enjoyed by them, and they cannot fail to meet the cordial approbation of all original inventors and actual producers, when it is stated that the association designs to devote all the funds it may acquire to promote the interests of inventors and mechanics—first by making adequate provision for future exhibitions, and secondly, by establishing a weekly or monthly journal which shall serve as a fit organ for the inventive talent of New England.

It starts upon, and means to stick to, the principle that the best themselves have the first claim on the sweets as well as the honors of their own honey. If the history of past exhibitions is any test of the interest which the intelligent people of New England take in the inventive genius and artistic skill of their fellow citizens, it will be entirely the fault of those among us distinguished for such talents, if they do not retire from this with something more substantial in their pockets than lithographic diplomas, and something more satisfactory than settled or unsettled bills of expense.

Those who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity of exhibition, are requested to make immediate application, either to the Secretary by letter, or at the office of the President, No. 24 Merchants' Exchange, Boston, stating precisely, if by letter, the nature and dimensions of what they propose to exhibit. Such applications will receive prompt attention.

THOMAS RICHARDSON, President.

ELIZABETH WRIGHT, Secretary.

Boston, Sept. 1855.

FALL PLOUGHING, OR BUCKWHEAT TO KILL WIRE WORMS.

We take the following from A. B. Dickinson's Address before the Courtland County (N. Y.) Agricultural Society:—

"Ploughing in the fall is to become more fashionable than formerly, as I regard it as the best and only sure remedy to destroy the wire worm, which has made and is making havoc of almost every kind of crops, wholly destroying some. Ploughing late in the fall will not kill all, but the most of them. In three years I think they may be nearly or quite all destroyed, and it is the only remedy I know of to destroy the most mischievous and ruinous of insects the farmer has to contend with. I have heard it stated that five bushels of salt to the acre would destroy them, or one hundred bushels of lime. I have tried both, and have sowed ten bushels of salt to the acre, and they only laughed at my folly. I tried one hundred bushels of lime, as they recommended, and they fattened on my bounty. I have only proved one remedy for the rascals, and that is to break the sod and sow it to buckwheat; plough late and as often as possible in the fall, and then sow it to peas in the spring; with the like ploughing next fall they will not disturb any crop the next season."

HOW TO PLOW UNDER TALL WEEDS.

Where weeds have not been kept down by other crops, or by close pasturing, they have, as might be expected, made a most luxuriant growth; and as many such fields will have to be plowed for wheat, and other fall crops, it becomes a matter of much importance to know how we can best turn these weeds under with the plow, so as to be completely out of the way of the harrow and drill.

An excellent way to do this, is to fasten one end of a heavy log-chain to the end of the double-tree to which the furrow, or off horse is attached, bringing the other under the beam of the plow, just before the share, and confining it there. The chain should lag enough to touch the ground, or nearly so. A little practice will teach how tight it should be. By this plan the weeds are drawn into the furrow and completely covered by the furrow-slice falling on them while there. Will some body tell us of a better way? [Ex.]

PRUNING THE GRAPE.

In order to ensure a successful culture of the grape in Maine, you must, in the first place, get an early, hardy variety; in the second place, plant it in a warm, rich location; and in the third place, prune it properly. Some time since, we gave you an article on grape pruning, illustrated with cuts, in order to render it more plain. We were promised by some of our correspondents more upon the subject, which promise we now fulfil, by transferring the following article from the columns of the N. E. Farmer, to ours.

The great object in pruning, is to keep a proper balance between the fruit-making and wood-making departments of the vine, and to supply young vigorous wood often, to bear the fruit on. Some grape cultivators never let their grapes grow on canes over three years old—some renew often than that, because, the older the cane they say, the smaller the grape.

"Our people are beginning to appreciate the value of the grape, both as an article of food, and as affording a pure and wholesome tonic for the sick and infirm. As an ornamental, also, in the grounds about the house, it is scarcely excelled by any of the plants which are sufficiently hardy for our climate. There is great uncertainty in the minds of many persons as to how and when the grape vine should be pruned, and finding an excellent article in the Country Gentleman on the subject, we have incurred the expense of engraving the cuts annexed, in order to give practical illustrations of the mode of pruning and training. These, with the explanations, will make the whole so plain, that all may cultivate the grape with a certainty of success.

A correspondent at Southeast, N. Y., requests a chapter on the pruning of the grape. He adds: 'I do not trim on the renewal system, and I find that this year's shoots that I kept without trimming, bearing out such a profusion of side-shoots that they become altogether too thick; and by trimming them off, the bud which should be left to grow next spring, will grow this summer and produce a crop of grapes. I had grapes on such vines this year that made full grown when frost came. I cannot keep the vines thin enough without taking off the side-shoots. I also wish to ask whether, in grafting the vine, if we have little vines up, shall we graft them, and then set them out as we do root grafted apple trees, or must they be cut off below the surface and be grafted while they are growing?'

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SECOND YEAR.—The single strong shoot made the first year, (Fig. 4.) should be cut down to three or four buds, only two shoots from which should be allowed to grow, the others being rubbed off, and the lateral shoots, should any appear, being removed as already described. The

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THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1885.

THE MAINE FARMER: AN AGRICULTURAL AND FAMILY NEWSPAPER.

On Tuesday last week commenced the heaviest rain storm that we have experienced in this vicinity for a number of years. The rain continued through Friday, and a rain gauge in the possession of a gentleman of this city showed that up to Friday noon there had fallen 2.56 inches. The quantity that fell after that and on Saturday afternoon and evening is estimated at nearly as much more. This great fall of rain caused a rise in the river. Fortunately the dam was so nearly finished, that by working all night Tuesday it was secured, and has stood the freshet, thus far, without damage. The water rose twelve feet. Large quantities of logs came down, many of which were secured.

THE CROPS.

As we some time since predicted, and as we have always hoped, the crops generally, throughout the State, have turned out well. The hay crop came first, and notwithstanding the severe winter, it proved to be nearly or quite an average yield. Potatoes have proved of a quality far superior to anything we have raised for years, and the rot has affected them but very little; indeed, so far as our experience goes, they are almost entirely free from it. The yield was good, and the potatoes fair. The grain crops also yielded well, although the corn crop in some places, having been kept back by the cold weather of the spring, was somewhat injured by the early frosts. Beans, this season, have yielded remarkably well, but we hear they have been considerably injured by the recent rain, in places where they had been suffered to stay in the ground, to get the benefit of the warm weather. We hope the reports may prove to be exaggerated. The fruit crop is a good one—not large, but a full average.

THE MAINE FARMER.

From other parts of the State we learn that the storm was equally severe. On the line of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad, in the town of Gilead, N. H., the track was washed away in several places, but it has since been repaired, and the cars are now running regularly. The Somerset & Kennebec Railroad was also washed away on Thursday night, about a couple of rods, and there was also a slide in Winslow, but the damage was soon repaired.

THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT SAYS—

"The crops of the present week raised the Androscoggin river some 7 feet. The logs came down the river in great numbers, and during Tuesday night broke the boats at the ferries at Dixfield and Peru, from their fastenings, and carried them down river. The run of logs was so great as to render it perilous passing at some of the other crossings."

THE BANGOR MERCURY OF FRIDAY SAYS—

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